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IRIS

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CULTURE: The culture of Iris is of the simplest. Plant so that the top of the rhizome is not more than one inch below the surface of the ground. Any sunny location on any well drained soil will do. No manure should be permitted to come in contact with the rhizomes. They can be planted any time when not in bloom, although summer and fall are the best.

Irises are exceptionally free from disease, root rot being the most troublesome. This is caused by poor drainage, lack of sunlight, some injury to the plant, or accumulation about the plant of decaying vegetable matter such as old foliage, which should be removed from the plant in early Spring. The best way to treat root rot is to scrape away the decayed and affected part of the plant, and fully expose to sunlight for several days. Dusting the rhizome and soil with powdered gypsum is an extra precaution. Colorado Iris are seldom troubled by this disease.

RATINGS: The Iris Society rates all Iris on the basis of one hundred, which represents perfection. The figures arrived at immediately follow the names in the list below. This symposium figure shows more clearly the garden value of the Iris than does the price. In all cases the matter of price is a consideration of supply and demand. The following is a check list of the varieties planted in our garden where they may be examined side by side in their blooming season.

In the following descriptions the letter S has been used to denote the standards or upper half of the flowers, and F to describe the falls or the petals inclined downward.

We guarantee all Iris put out by us to be healthy and absolutely true to name.

WHITE

- Fairy, 80—White delicately bordered with pale blue.
Tall, fragrant and a great favorite. \$0.25
- Kashmir White, 90—A beautiful white Iris, faintly veined yellow and splendid texture. Lemon scented.
\$1.00
- La Neige, 83—A midseason blossoming white with yellow beard. One of the best. \$0.35
- Mme. Chereau, 87—White, elegantly frilled with azure blue. An old favorite and valuable in any garden.
\$0.25
- White Knight, 88—The absolute white Iris. Even the beard is white. Very fine. \$0.35

YELLOW

- Aksarben—A splendid rich plicata-cream, with fawn and velvety markings. \$3.50
- Aragon—Standards a bright golden yellow with bright velvety red falls. Late blooming. \$0.75
- Iris King, 79—Old gold standards and falls of velvety crimson maroon. Very popular. \$0.25

- Mme. Chobaut, 81—A groundwork of soft, silky, yellow overlaid with rosy bronze on the standards. The falls edged with Prussian red. A beautiful Iris. \$0.75
- Shekinah, 87—A splendid clear soft yellow with a delightful fragrance. \$0.75
- Sherwin Wright, 80—The old favorite yellow. Vigorous grower. \$0.25
- Virginia Moore—Bright chrome yellow and one of the very best of its general color. \$0.35

PINK

- Anne Leslie, 83—S. very dainty lilac pink with white markings. F. rosy red. \$0.50
- Aphrodite—Both Standards and Falls are a clear, bright violet pink. Tall growing, prolific of blossom and perfect form. The very best pink. \$5.00
- Edouard Michel, 86—A beautiful ruffled flower of wine red. \$0.50
- Georgia—One of the most popular pinks. Large flowers and very free blooming. \$0.35
- Lohengrin, 82—Blossom a soft cattleya rose color somewhat ruffled at the edges. Very satisfactory. \$0.25
- Rosalba—S. wine red with violet. F. almost ruby violet producing a fine effect of mahogany en masse. \$1.00

BLUE

- Amas—S. iridescent blue. F. petunia violet. Bright yellow beard. Very vigorous growth. \$0.25
- Ballerine, 94—S. pearl blue. F. manganese violet. One of the most satisfactory blues. Blossom large and sweet scented. \$1.00
- Crusader, 87—Lavender blue. Fine, large blossoms. \$0.65
- Halo, 85—Soft lavender blue. Large blossoms and well branched. \$0.75
- Lady Foster, 85—S. pale blue. F. light blue with delightful odor. Stems very tall. \$0.75
- Raffet—A late blossoming Iris, with dark blue velvety veinings. \$0.50
- Trojana, 85—S. lavender blue. F. rich purple blue. \$0.25
- Tom Tit, 80—A splendid little bright purplish blue Iris much used for edgings of perennial borders. In a class by itself. \$0.25

LAVENDER

- Afterglow, 86—Misty lavender shading to rich yellow at center. Free bloomer and a strong grower. \$0.35
- Conquistador—Lavender violet to madder-violet. One of the tallest growing Iris with tall self-supporting stems and large flowers. Valuable in any garden. \$2.00
- Lord of June, 91—One of the finest and best known Iris. Large flowers of light blue to lavender violet. \$0.50
- Mother of Pearl, 85—A favorite Iris with bluish lavender coloring and valuable for its large flower of very good substance. \$0.75
- Mlle. Schwartz, 87—An exceptionally fine tall growing Iris with large, pale mauve flowers. Should be in every garden. \$1.00

- Pallida Dalmatica, 88**—An outstanding Iris of splendid qualities. Large flowered, very fragrant blossoms of clear lavender with pink reflections. Tall growing and very graceful. \$0.25
- Pallida Princess Beatrice, 95**—An improved Dalmatica with light lavender blossoms of exquisite satiny texture. One of the finest of all Iris. \$0.50
- Queen Caterina, 91**—A truly great Iris with large blossoms of pale lavender violet and an iridescent sheen. Easily established. \$1.00
- Zouave**—Ground-work of white curiously dotted and shaded lilac to violet. Blooms early. \$0.25

PURPLE

- Ambassadeur, 94**—A real regal Iris priced so low that all may enjoy it. Immense blossoms on tall graceful stalks. S. smoky purple. F. velvety purple maroon with orange beard. Splendid foliage. \$0.75
- Archeveque, 83**—A brilliant color effect in mass planting. S. smoky tan. F. glowing raisin purple. \$0.25
- B. Y. Morrison, 88**—S. pale lavender violet. F. velvety purple with wide lavender border with dark outline. An admirable color scheme. \$0.75
- Kochii, 87**—One of the earliest and most popular Iris. S. purple, blue. F. rich velvety purple. \$0.25
- Lent A. Williamson, 90**—The finest bronze and purple bicolor. Large flowers on tall, strong stems. S. violet. F. bronze velvet purple. Very reasonably priced at \$0.35
- Magnifica, 91**—A splendid Iris with S. violet blue and F. dark reddish violet and brown markings at base. A really fine Iris. \$1.00
- Medrano, 85**—A rich and distinctive Iris with large blossoms of deep smoky wine red. \$1.00
- Monsignor, 84**—A late blooming variety richly colored pale bluish violet, overlaid with brownish purple. A fine plant for the perennial border. \$0.25
- Opera, 87**—S. dark reddish-lilac. F. purple violet. \$0.75
- Souvenir De Mme. Gaudichau, 90**—One of the very popular Iris. Rich velvety purple, large flowers on long well branched stalks. \$1.00
- Syphax, 75**—A distinct type with erect standards of mauve and drooping Falls of deep crimson-velvet. \$0.65

COLORS DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE

- Ambigu, 83**—S. smoky red. F. Velvety dark purple. Very free flowering. \$0.50
- Armenian**—S. rosy flesh color with flakes of violet mauve at margin. F. lined yellow on mauve. \$0.25
- Dalila, 80**—S. cream yellow. F. plum red. A splendid variety owing to its charming colors and splendid substance. Very free flowering. \$0.35
- Dejazet, 83**—S. bronze rose of metallic sheen. F. red violet with brown shades. A beautiful variety \$0.50
- Isoline, 86**—S. silvery lilac flushed yellow. F. old rose with a glowing copper. One of the most distinctive Iris. \$0.25
- Loreley, 80**—S. light yellow frequently splashed purple. F. ultra-marine blue bordered cream. Vigorous and high branched. \$0.25

- Mary Garden, 78—S. tan diffused with delicate lavender. F. creamy white curiously speckled maroon. A very pleasing variety. \$0.25
- Prosper Laugier, 83—A beautiful brown toned Iris with S. iridescent brown and F. velvety brown purple. Very unusual. \$0.25
- Quaker Lady, 87—S. tawny lavender shading yellow. F. deep blue shading to yellow at base. Valuable in any garden. \$0.25

IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION OF LONG DESCRIPTIVE LISTS, WE ARE LISTING A NUMBER OF VERY FINE, TRUE TO NAME VARIETIES TO COLOR, AT 25c EACH OR TEN FOR \$2.00.

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| Arnols, 78—reddish purple | Jacquesiana—reddish purple |
| Albert Victor, 85—violet | |
| Atlas, 75—violet blue | Monsignor, 84—purple |
| Aurea, 74—chrome yellow | Nine Wells—purple |
| Chester Hunt—blue | Rhein Nixe—purple and white |
| Corrida, 83—blue | Rose Unique—pink |
| Dimity, 83—white and mauve | Tristram—purple and white |
| Flavescens—light yellow | Trojana—blue |
| Juniata—clear blue | |

We have many other varieties of Iris in our collection and can furnish a much larger list of named varieties such as Ochroleuca, Orientalis, Tricuspis, Foliosa, Fulva, Graminea, etc.

Where large plantings are to be made and the color, not the name, is important, we can furnish unnamed varieties of Iris for \$10.00 per hundred.



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